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## REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, and 9 have been amended to change claim dependencies and/or to bring these claims into conformity with the language of their respective base claims. Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form. No new matter has been added.

## I. ALLOWED CLAIMS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 14-17. Claims 1-5, 7, and 9 have been amended to depend from allowed independent claim 14, and are believed allowable.

## II. CLAIM OBJECTION

Claim 8 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form, and is believed allowable.

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## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, all remaining claims are believed in condition for allowance. If, the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, please contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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